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PREFACE

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This report summarizes significant items of photo intelligence relating to the North Vietnamese railroad system which has been developed from available photography (received by the CIA Imagery Analysis Staff) during the period indicated on the cover. This report is intended to provide a comprehensive view of the railroad system and does not necessarily reflect the most recent status changes as reported by pilots' reports or field photo intelligence cables.

The railroad system has been divided into 5 major lines: the Hanoi/Lao Cai Line, the Hanoi/Dong Dang Line, the Hanoi/Haiphong Line, the Hanoi/Dong Hoi Line and the Thai Nguyen Line (Figure I). Annotated maps and photos are used to show the status of each line.

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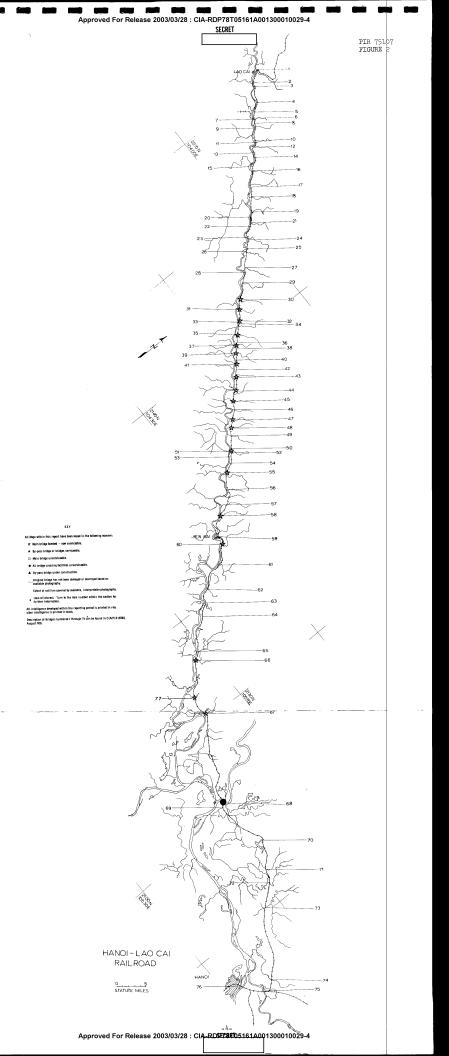
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SUMMARY

That portion of the Hanoi/Haiphong Rail Line covered by interpretable photography was open to through traffic. Two bridge interdictions were observed on the Hanoi/Dong Hoi Rail Line, and the reconstruction of the southern portion of the rail line continues.

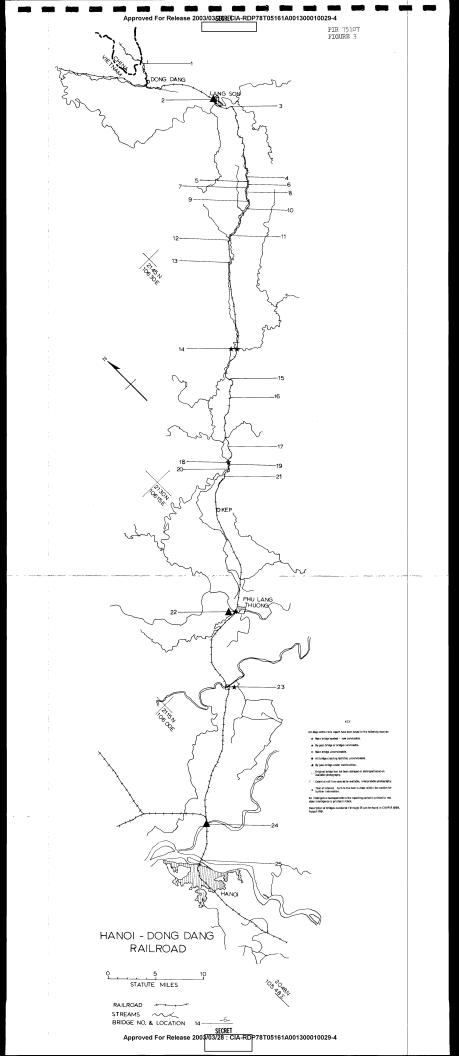
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		Bridge Number and Name	Date Last Observed Status	
25X1	30	Lang Thip Railroad Bridge over Ngoi Thip	S	2
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5X1	3 5	Lang Kay Railroad Bridge over Ngoi	S	
25X1	37	Lang Kay Railroad Bridge S over Nam Linh (S	
5X1	39	Lang Khay Railroad Bridge over Ngoi Kay	S	
25X1	41	Khe Se <u>Railroad Bridge</u> South over Stream	S	
25X1	43	Trai Hut Railroad Bridge NW over Ngoi Cho	S	
25X1	1,1,1	Trai Hut Railroad Bridge over Nam Lam	S	
25X1	45	Som Dong Dep Railroad Bridge over Nam Muoi	S	
5X1	47	Lang Quach Ngoai Railroad Bridge N over Ngoi Vai	S	
5X1	48	Lang Quach Ngoai Railroad Bridge over Ngoi Quach	S .	
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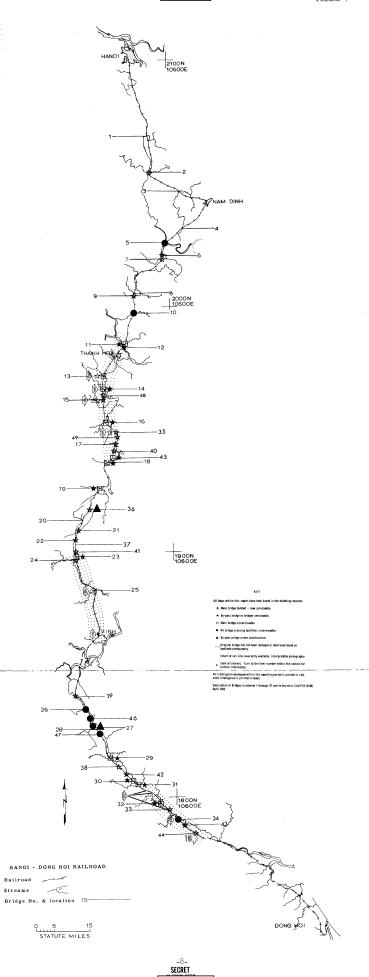


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STATUS OF BRIDGES PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED/DESTROYED HANOI/DONG DANG RAIL LINE

25X1		Bridge Number and Name	Date last observed	Status	
25/1	14	Cao Nung Railroad Bridge over Song Hoa		S	25X1
25X1	14	Cao Nung Railroad Bridge East over		S	
25X1	22	Bac Giang Railroad and Highway Bridge over Song Thuong		S	
25X1	23	Dap Cau Railroad and Highway Bridge over Song Cau		U	
25X1	23	Dap Cau Railroad Bridge over Song Cau		S	

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		STATUS OF BRIDGES PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED/DESTROYS HANOI-DONG HOI RAIL LINE	ED	
		Bridge Number and Name Date last obs	served Status	I i
25X1	3	Cao Duong Railroad and Highway Bridges over Canal	S	25X
25X1	5	Ninh Binh Railroad and Highway Bridge over Song Day	Ü	
5X1	5	Ninh Binh Railroad Bridge over Song Day	Ū	L
	5	Ninh Binh Railroad Pontoon Bridge	U	Γ
25X1	6	Ha Thon Railroad and Highway Bridge over Song Vac	s	
5X1	7	Ly Nhan Rail <u>road and Highway</u> Bridge over Stream	S	1
5X1	9	Yen Xa Railroad and Highway Bridge over Stream	S	
5X1	10	Dong Phong Thuong Railroad and Highway Bridge over Song Len	Ū	U
5X1	10	Dong Phong Thuong Railroad Bridge S over Song Len	U	نا
5X1	10	Dong Phong Thuong Railroad Bridge E Bridge	U	
5X1	11	Phuong Dinh Railroad and Highway Bridge over Lach Truong	U	<u>!</u>
5X1	11	Phuong Dinh Railroad Bridge over Lach Truong	S	
5X1	12	Thanh Hoa Railroad and Highway Bridge over Song Ma (S	- - -
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		Bridge Number and Name	Date last observed	Status
25X1	13	Thien Linh Dong Railraod Bridge over Hoang Giang		บ 25X1
25X1	13	Thien Linh Dong Railroad Bridge SW over River		S
25X1	14	Thinh Lac Railroad Bridge over		U
25X1	14	Thinh Lac Railroad Bridge SSW over Stream		S
25X1	15	Truong Quang Tien Railroad Bridge over Song Yen Tr	?	S
25X1	15	Truong Quang Tien Railroad Bridge E ov	ver	U
25X1	16	Thi Long Railroad Bridge over Suoi Cay Gang		U
25X1	16	Thi Long Railroad Bridge SW over Suoi Cay Gang		S
25X1	17	Phu Quat Railroad Bridge over Stream		S
25X1	18	Dia Thuy Railroad Bridge SW over Khe Dua		Ū
25X1	18	Dia Thuy Railroad Bridge NW over Khe Dua		S
25X1	19	Qui Vinh Railroad Bridge No. 1 over Song Hoang Mai		U
25X1	19	Qui Vinh Railroad Bridge No. 2 over Song Hoang Mai		S
25X1	19	Qui Vinh Railroad Bridge No. 3 over Song Hoang Mai		U
25X1	19	Qui Vinh Railroad Bridge No. 4 over Song Hoang Mai		S

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		Bridge Number and Name	Date last observed	<u>Status</u>	
25X1	21	Long Ngoc Railroad and Highway Bridge over Unknown Barrier		S	25X1
25X1	22	Dong Khe Railroad Bridge over Stream		S	
25X1	23	Dien Chau Railroad Bridge over Song Bang		Ū	
25X1	23	Dien Chau Railroad Bridge E over Song Bang		S	
25X1	24	Da Phuc Railroad Bridge over Intermittent waterway	1	S	
25X1	25	Tam Da Railroad and Highway Bridge over	er	U	
	2 5	Tam Da Railroad By-pass Bridge		U	
25X1	26	Trai Hoi Railroad and Highway Bridge over Ngan Sau		U	
25X1	27	Xom Hoai Railroad and Highway Bridge over Rao No		Ū	
25X1	32	Xom Khe Railroad Bridge over Khe Net		Ū	
	32	Xom Khe Railroad Bridge By-pass over Khe Net		S	
25X1	33	Kim Lu Xa Railroad Bridge over Khe Danh		S	
25X1	3 5	Thi Long Railroad Bridge SE over Stream		S	
	3 5	Thi Long Railroad Bridge S By-Pass		S	
25X1	36	Tho Trang Railroad Bridge over Stream		S	

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		Bridge Number and Name	Date last observe	d Status	
25X1	39	Quang Te Railroad Bridge over Khe Hac Giang		U	25X1
25X1	40	Qui My Railroad Bridge over Stream (S ·	
_	41	Tu My Railroad Bridge		S	
	42	Trai Tran Xom Railroad Bridge		S	
25X1	43	Dong Ca Thron Railroad/Highway Bridge over Cai Khe		S	
25X1	44	Kiev Moc Phuong Railroad Bridge W over Stream		S	
25X1	45	Phu-Cu Railroad Bridge N over Stream		U	
25X1	48	Sai Thon Railroad Bridge N over Stream		S	
25X1	49	Nap Bang Railroad Bridge over Stream		S	

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	ITEM OF INTEREST NO. 1: Hanoi/Dong Hoi Rail Line	
	NAME: Thanh Hoa RR Station, Yard and Siding	
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	COORDINATES: 19 48N - 105 46E, W6807906	
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The Thanh Hoa Railroad Yard and Transloading Area (See Report No. 29) has been bombed. All tracks within the yard itself have been interdicted in many places, and the 2 by-pass tracks have also been cut (Figure 5). The choke point at the southern end of the yard has been destroyed. The turning way and its associated yard to the north of the main yard have also suffered heavy damage (Figure 6). All tracks have been cut in many places and both choke points have been cut.

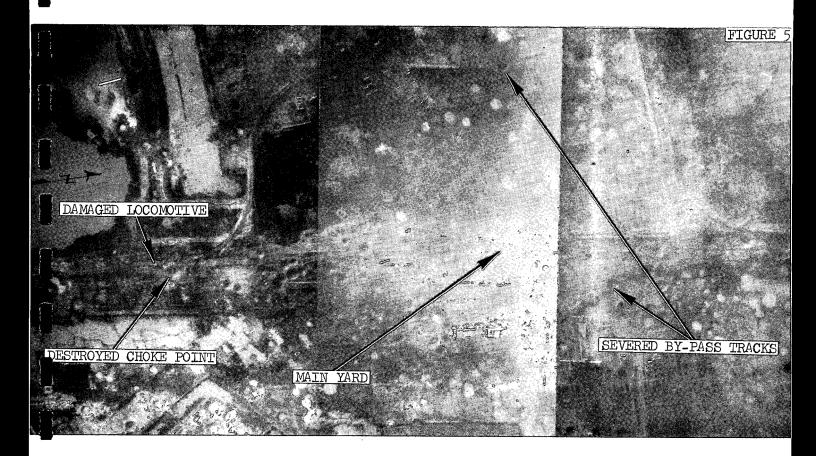
An analysis of the railroad equipment within both yards, the turning wye and the adjacent main line reveals the following (figures are approximate):

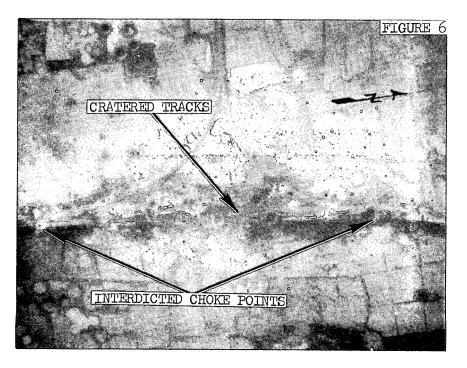
TYPE 2-axle flat cars	DAMAGED/DESTROYED	UNDAMAGED 49	<u>TOTAL</u> 93
Conventional cars (various types)	84	56	140
Probable locomotive and tend	er <u>l</u>	0	11
TOTAL	129	105	234

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ITEM OF INTEREST NO. 2: Hanoi/Dong Hoi Rail Line

NAME: Thien Linh Dong RR Bridge SW

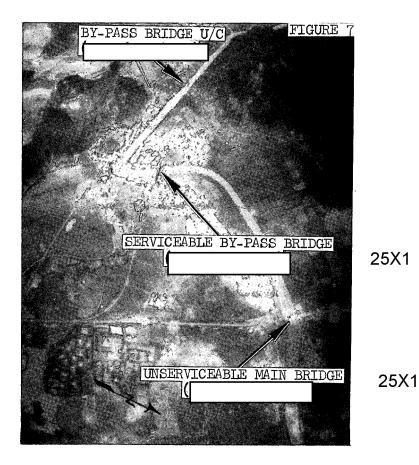
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COORDINATES: 19 43N - 105 42E, XG748815

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MAP REFERENCE: JOG (A) 1501, NE 48-3

The 4-span, deck-beam Thien Linh Dong Railroad Bridge SW has been repaired and is serviceable. This is a by-pass for the unserviceable main bridge A second by-pass bridge is still under construction and not yet complete.



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ITEM OF INTEREST NO. 3: Hanoi/Dong Hoi Rail Line	
NAME: Thinh Lac Railroad Bridge	

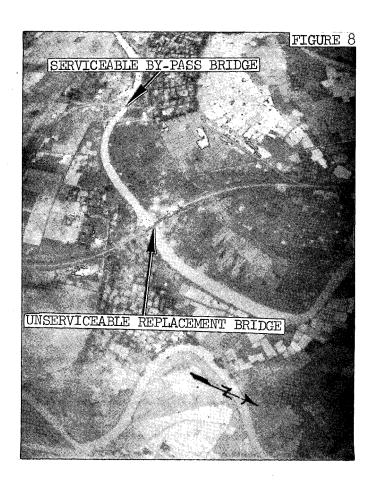
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One span of the 4-span, deck-beam Thinh Lac Railroad Replacement Bridge has been destroyed. The bridge is under active repair, but is presently unserviceable. However, a by-pass bridge the west of the main bridge remains serviceable to through rail traffic.



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ITEM OF INTEREST NO. 4: Hanoi/Dong Hoi Rail Line

NAME: Trong Quang Tien RR Bridge E

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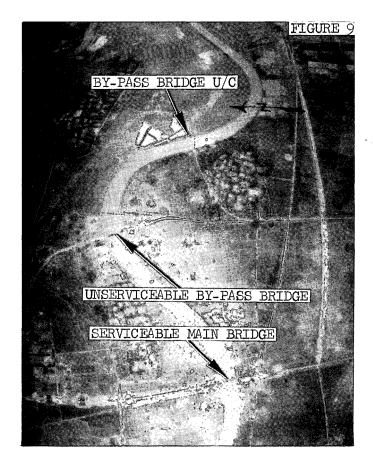
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Approximately 4 spans of the multi-span, deck-beam Trong Quang
Tien Railroad Bridge E have been destroyed and 1 span has probably
been damaged. The main bridge remains serviceable and 25X1
a second by-pass bridge is under construction.



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ITEM OF INTEREST NO. 5: Hanoi/Dong Hoi Rail Line

NAME: Thi Long RR By-pass Bridge

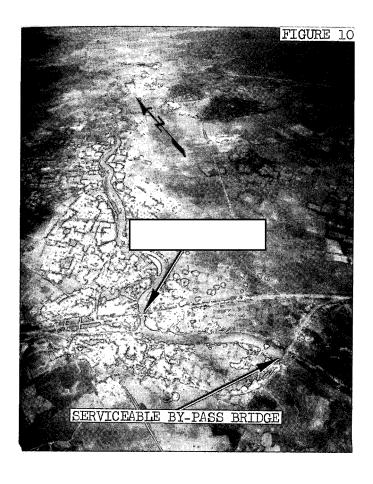
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The 4-span, deck-beam Thi Long Railroad By-pass Bridge has been completed and is serviceable. The main bridge remains 25X1 serviceable.

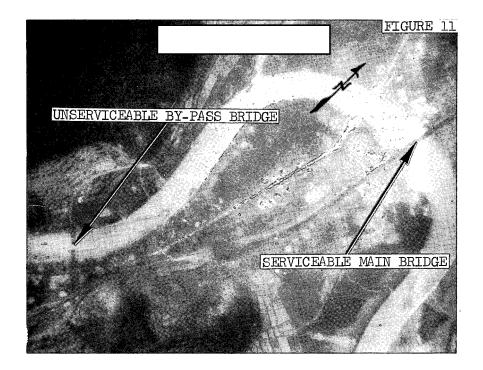


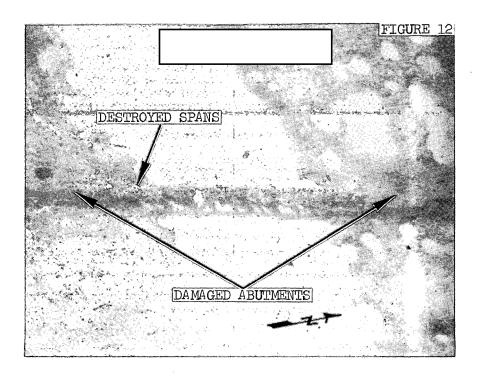
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	ITEM OF INTEREST NO. 6: Hanoi/Dong Hoi Rail Line
	NAME: Tam Da RR and Hwy Bridge
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	COORDINATES: 18 50N - 105 39E, WF691839
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	MAP REFERENCE: JOG (A) 1501, NE 48-7
25X1	Photography of revealed that damage to the Tam Da Railroad Replacement Bridge from a previous air strike has been repaired and the bridge is serviceable (Figure 11). Fifteen days later, the bridge is observed unserviceable. Both abutments have been damaged and the southern end of the bridge has been destroyed (Figure 12). The by-pass bridge remained unserviceable throughout this period.

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ITEM OF INTEREST NO. 7: Hanoi/Dong Hoi Rail Line			
NAME: Vinh Transshipment Point			
BE: NA			

COORDINATES: 18 41N - 105 40E, WF700657

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MAP REFERENCE: JOG (A) 1501, NE 48-7

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The present terminus of track on the Hanoi-Vinh segment of the Hanoi/ Dong Hoi Rail Line is located 1.2 nm south of the Vinh Railroad Classification Yard NW at UTM WF701636 (Figure 16). The railroad yard and 2 new dead end railroad spurs (a 3rd is under construction) 0.2 nm SW of the yard are being used as a rail to truck transshipment area (Figure 13). Approximately forty-eight 2-axle flat cars are present within this area and an additional ll cars are located on the main line 0.4 nm south of the yard (not illustrated). A total of 29 pieces of conventional meter gauge rolling stock, of which at least 13 are undamaged, are abandoned in the vicinity of the unused turning wye approximately 0.5 nm north of the yard (Report No. 23). A probable conventional steam locomotive is located on the turning wye under a partially roofed area (Figure 14).

A new dead end spur has been built approximately 2 nm north of the railroad yard at UTM WF706699 (Figures 15 and 16). This spur probably serves as a holding area for the Vinh transshipment point and presently contains approximately 29 2-axle flat cars.

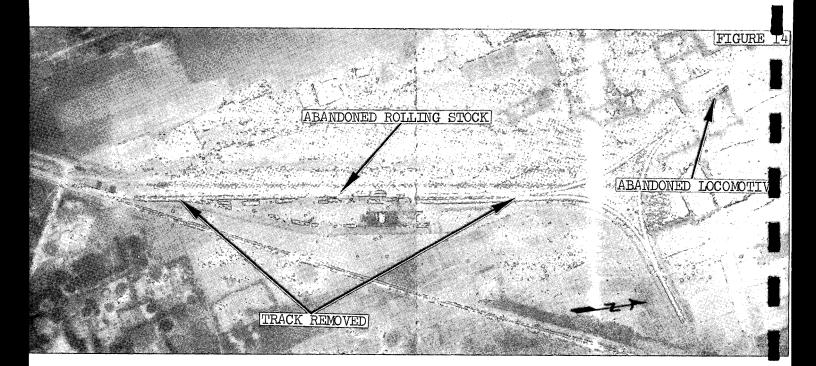
It has been previously hypothosized that south bound freight on this rail line was transloaded onto small, 2-axle flat cars in the Thanh Hoa Yards and forwarded to the south (See Report No. 29). The presence of large numbers of this type of rolling stock strongly indicates that the terminal point of at least a great portion of this railroad traffic is within the Vinh area.

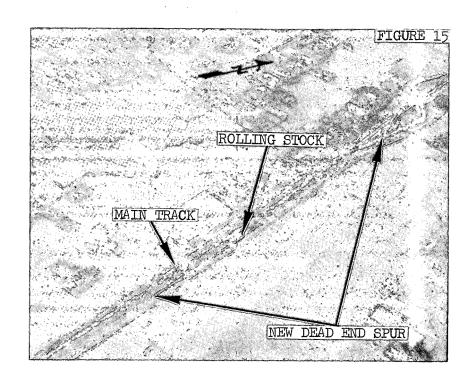
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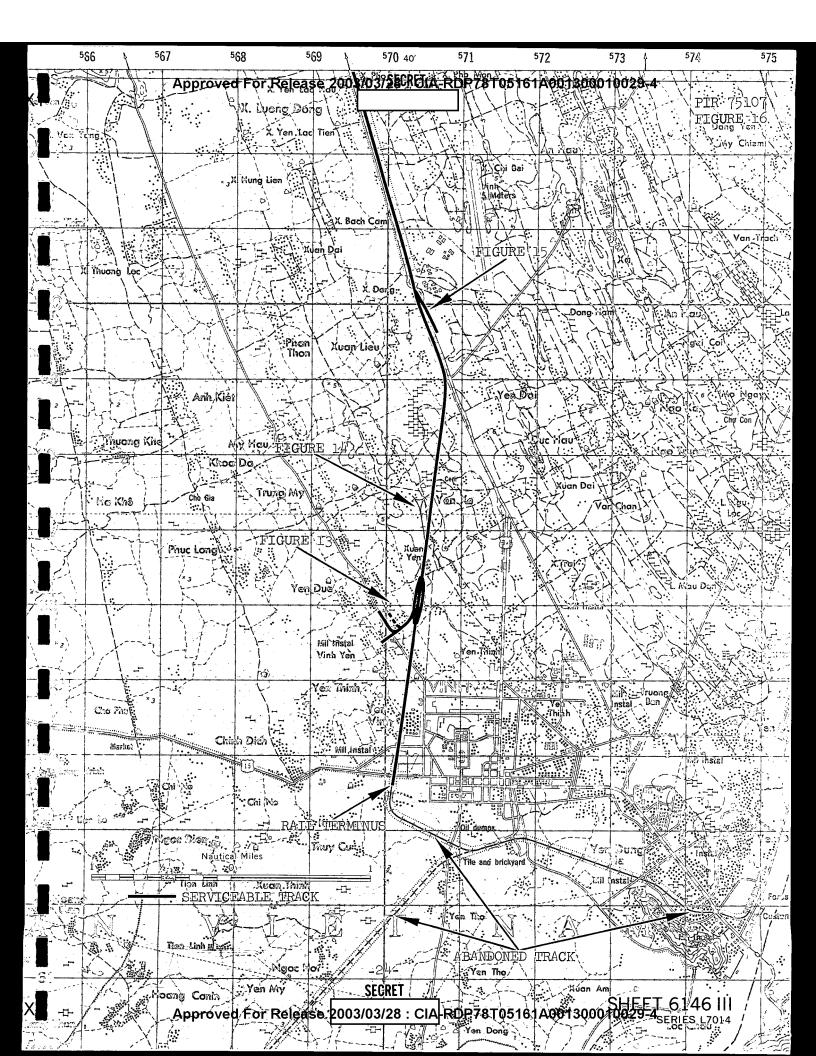


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ITEM OF INTEREST NO. 8: Hanoi/Dong Hoi Rail Line

NAME: Rolling Stock

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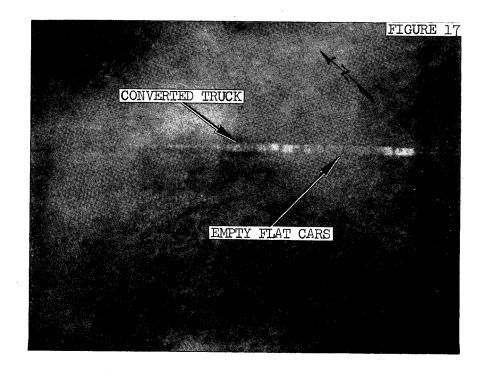
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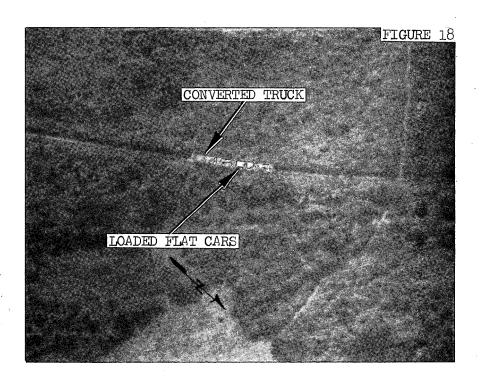
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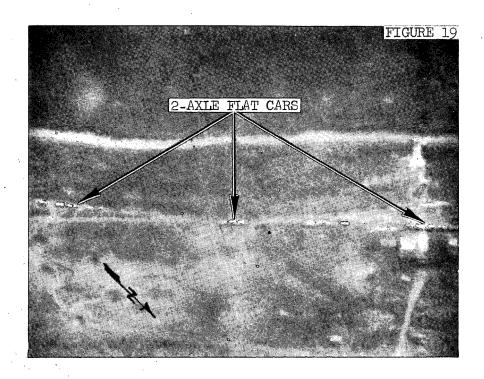
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In addition to these 2 moving trains, approximately 17 pieces of motionless lightweight rolling stock were observed at 18 O2N - 105 51E, UTM WE910937 on the same date (Figure 19).



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ITEM OF INTEREST NO. 9: Hanoi/Dong Hoi Rail Line

NAME: Rolling Stock and Supplies

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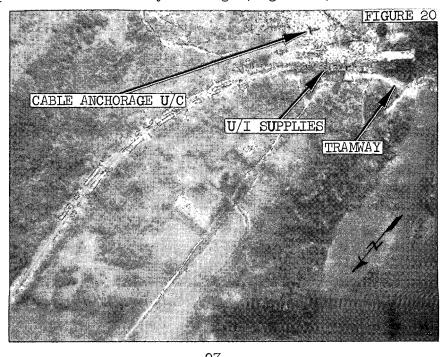
COORDINATES: 17 54N - 106 00E, XE063803

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MAP REFERENCE: JOG (A) 1501, NE 48-11

DOCUMENTS: NPIC Cable CITE 0145, DTG072006Z, CONFIDENTIAL

Considerable railroad activity has been observed along the southern portion of this rail line, especially in the vicinity of the destroyed Thuong Phong Trang Railroad Bridge _______ This bridge, originally destroyed by the French, has never been reconstructed. A recent by-pass bridge attempt has been abandoned by the North Vietnamese and the major 25X1 river crossing appears to have become a logistic bottleneck for this segment of serviceable track. Supplies were noted on both banks of the river (Figures 20 and 21), and at least 20 pieces of lightweight rolling stock have been observed in the vicinity of this bridge (partially illustrated in Figures 21 and 22). Supplies are probably transloaded from 1 river bank to the other by several aerial tramways. A cable anchorage for a new probable tramway is under construction adjacent to the northern approach of the destroyed bridge (Figure 20).

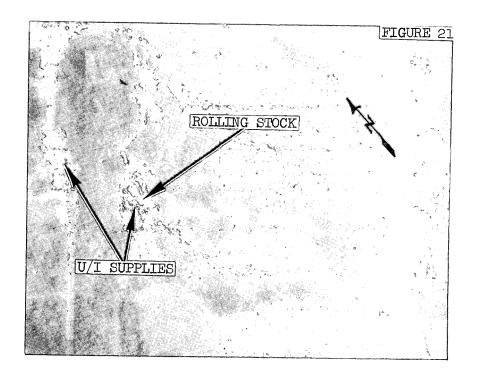


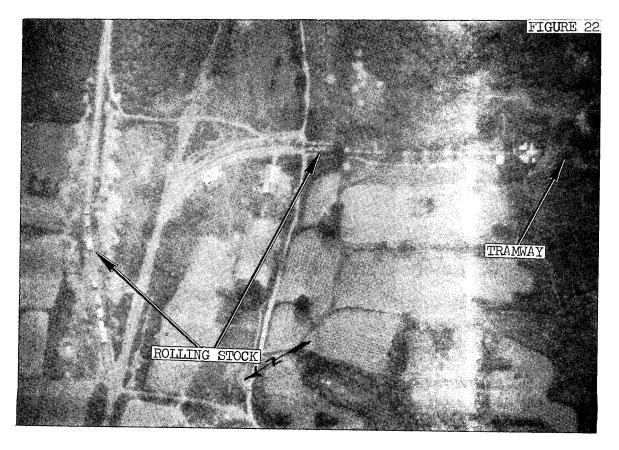
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ITEM OF INTEREST NO. 10: Hanoi/Dong Hoi Rail Line

NAME: Railroad Extension

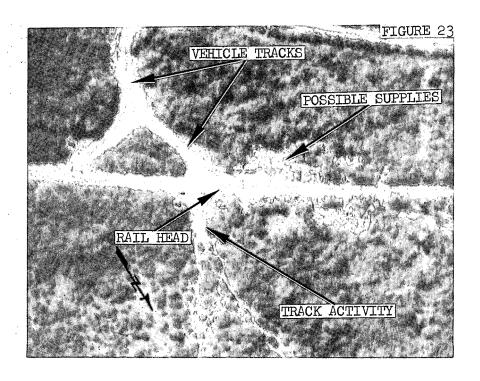
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Track has been extended an additional 1.4 nm toward Dong Hoi (Figures 22 and 25) from the rail head previously reported in Report No. 26. Two highway bridges, including a previously destroyed bridge, that were being converted into railroad bridges on Report No. 26) are now serviceable to rail traffic (Figures 23 and 24). A probable rail-to-road transshipment area is located at the present rail head (Figure 22). Rail has now been laid to within approximately 38 nm of Dong Hoi.



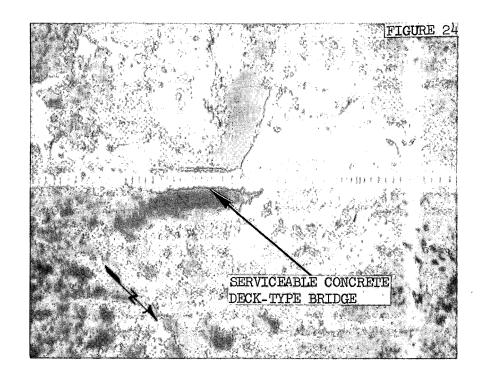
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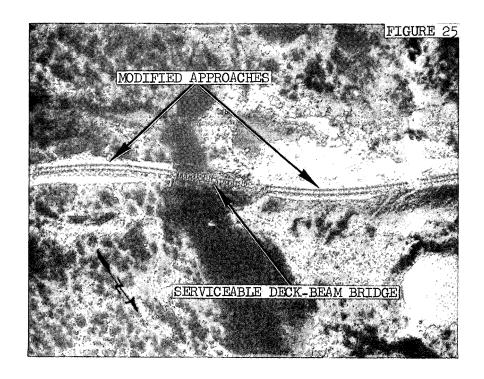
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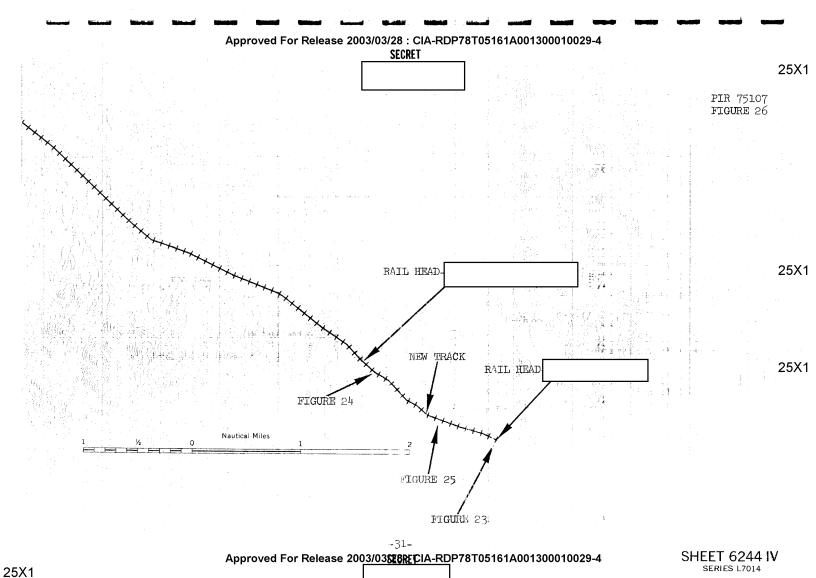
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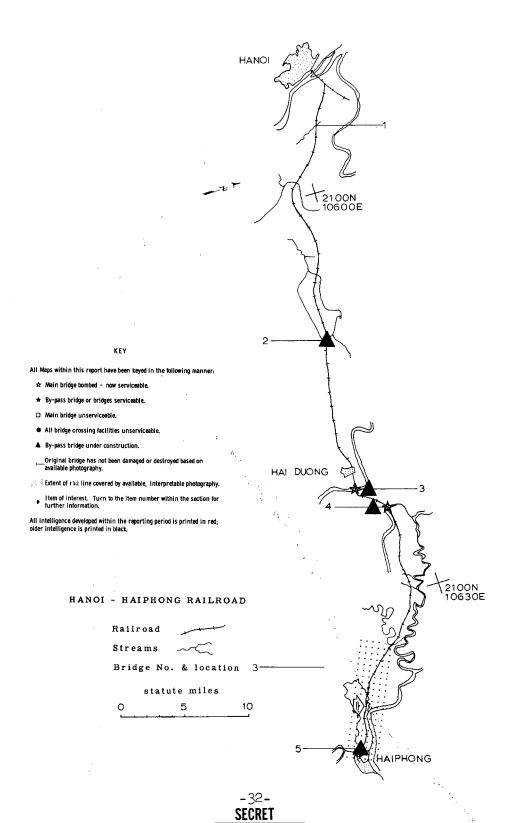
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ITEM OF INTEREST NO. 1: Hanoi/Haiphong Rail Line

NAME: Loi Dong Transshipment Area

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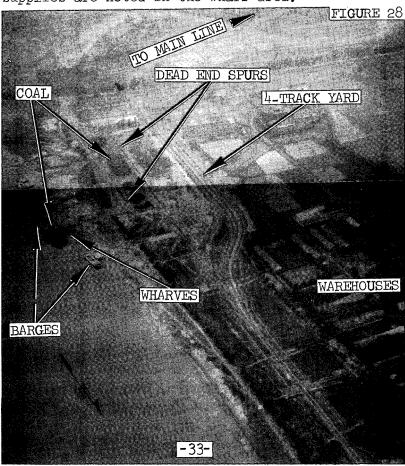
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Southeast Asia Activity Report NPIC/R-35/67, March 1967 DOCUMENTS:

A water to rail transshipment point is in the final stages of construction at Loi Dong, approximately 4.5 nm WNW of the Haiphong Railroad Station and Classification Yard Three tracks of a 4 track rail yard and 1 of 2 dead end spurs has been completed. There are 4 wharves within the area, all of which are in use. Coal is observed in barges as well as in stockpiles within the transshipment area. Other unidentified supplies are noted in the wharf area.



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KEY

All Maps within this report have been keyed in the following manner:

- ☆ Main bridge bombed now serviceable.
- * By-pass bridge or bridges serviceable.
- Main bridge unserviceable.
- All bridge crossing facilities unserviceable.
- ▲ By-pass bridge under construction.
- __Original bridge has not been damaged or destroyed based on available photography.
- Extent of rail line covered by available, interpretable photography.
- $\ensuremath{\bullet}$ ltem of interest. Turn to the item number within the section for further information.

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